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1. The Balmor Fishing Base in Swinoujscie has a military character. The storehouses are much too large for the requirements of the firm. The fishing harbor, no construction on the wharves are such that the base can be converted to a military base at any time.
2. "Frontier control in Swinoujscie was intensified in 1953. (The same applies to the port of Odra.) The WOP uses dogs; one per five soldiers. Day guards are changed every four hours; night guards change every two hours. Entrance to forests in the border district is prohibited, and in August 1953 use of the sandy beaches was also prohibited. Soviets may visit the Soviet zone of Germany, but Poles may not; even the WOP has no authority to cross the border. Anyone coming to Swinoujscie requires a special permit, issued by the National Council (Rad Narodowa) of the applicant's permanent residence. The permit is valid for one month only, but may be renewed by the Swinoujscie council. Nonresidents of Swinoujscie have a difficult time with the passes.

One walks with the documents in hand, and stops when challenged. It might be the WOP signals with a flashlight. Each WOP official stops the pedestrian, regardless of the fact that he has seen the preceding WOP's check his documents. If one forgets his documents, he is arrested, though he may be well known to the guards, who see him twice every day. If arrested, he is held for two days in a jail, while a statement is prepared, etc. The WOP is forbidden to fraternize with civilians, even in their off-hours; but, as the WOP is much disliked, even by the other units of the Government, it is with the WOP.

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